

Religious Notices.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Rev. H. W. Ballantine, Pastor. Public worship on the Sabbath at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School at 12 m. Sunday School prayer-meeting, Sabbath, at 7 p. m. Weekly prayer-meeting, Thursday, at 7.45 p. m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.—Rev. Ezra D. S. Manna, Pastor. Sunday services: Preaching at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday-school at 12 m. The Lord's Supper on the first Sabbath of each month, close of morning service. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening. Young People's meeting, Tuesday evening at 7.45 p. m.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—Rev. Albert Mann, Jr., Pastor. Sunday services: Preaching, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday-school at 12 m. Prayer meeting, Thursday evening at 7.45 p. m. Tuesday evening at 7.45 p. m.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Freemont Street, corner Franklin. Rev. S. W. Duffield, Pastor. Sabbath services, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school, 12 m. Weekly prayer meeting at 8 o'clock each Thursday evening, in Chapel parlor.

CHRIST CHURCH (Episcopal).—Liberty street. Rev. W. G. Farrington, D. D., Rector. Morning service, 10.30 o'clock. Second service, 7.30 p. m. except first Sunday in month, when it is at 3.45 p. m. Sunday school at 3 p. m.

HOPS CHURCH.—Sunday school every Sabbath 10.30 a. m. John G. Broughton, Superintendent.

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART.—Rev. J. M. Nardiello, Pastor. First mass, 8.30 a. m. High mass, 10.30 a. m. Vespers, 3 p. m. Sunday school, 2.30 p. m.

BERKLEY UNION SABBATH SCHOOL.—Held in Berkley School-house, Bloomfield avenue, every Sunday at 3 p. m. John A. Skinner, Superintendent. All are welcome.

WATKINS'S M. E. CHURCH.—Rev. J. K. Egbert, Pastor. Sunday services: Preaching, 10.30 a. m. and 7.45 p. m. Sunday school 2.30 p. m. Class meeting Tuesday evening at 8 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 8 p. m. Children's class for religious instruction Saturday at 3 p. m.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church.—(Watkinson.) Rev. James P. Fancourt, Rector. Services Sunday 10.45 a. m., 7.45 p. m. Sunday school, at 9.30 a. m. Seals free. All are invited.

GERMAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Rev. John M. Enslin, Pastor. Hours of service, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school 2 p. m. Prayer meeting, Tuesday evening, at 7.45 p. m.

REFORMED CHURCH (Brookdale).—Rev. William G. E. See, Pastor. Sabbath service 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school, 9 a. m. E. G. Day, Superintendent. Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening.

SILVER LAKE.—Sabbath school held every Sunday, in the hall, at 3 p. m. Herbert Smith, Superintendent. Gospel meeting every Sabbath evening at 7.30 o'clock. Prayer and Conversational meeting, Wednesday evening.

St. Mark's Church.—(Bloomfield Ave.)—Sunday services: Preaching at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school, 3 p. m. E. A. Smith, Sup't. Preaching 7.30 p. m.

Rev. Jeremiah Murray, Pastor.

LITERARY NOTES.

—In Lippincott's Monthly Magazine for May, the serial story, "Taken by Siege," takes the reader to one of the famous masked balls at the New York Academy of Music. "A Bachelor's Blunder" is as bright and clever and interesting as ever. This promises to be the best of Mr. Norris's novels. In the Experience Meeting, a department of unusual promise, Mrs. Cora Urquhart Potter, the lady whose recitation of "Ostler Joe" excited so much controversy, gives her "Experiences as an Amateur Elouctonist," while Mrs. Ella Wheeler Wilcox, in her "Literary Confessions of a Western Poetess," not only gives a great deal of curious information about herself, but manages also to criticize her critics with unflinching severity. Julian Hawthorne contributes one of his most ingenious and fantastic stories, "Prof. Weisheit's Experiment," and Andrew Lang, a delightful skit on ghosts and ghost stories, "In Castle Dangerous." Joel Benton's story on "The Poetry of Thoreau" is subtle and thoughtful. The poetry is supplied by Austin Dobson, Louise Chandler Moulton, and James B. Kenyon, and the Monthly Gossip contains the usual miscellany of entertaining chit-chat.

—In the sketch of the famous "Adelaide Neilson" (Funk and Wagnalls, \$2.50), Mrs. Laura C. Holloway tells who Miss Neilson was and what her heritage. Forever is cleared away the idea of noble ancestry and luxurious surroundings. A mother's love is touchingly portrayed by Mrs. Neilson's pride in, and her devotion to, her eldest daughter. We are told, how, after Adelaide had entered a factory when a mere child, she remained and worked faithfully until she found a situation as a nurse girl. In this capacity she continued two years. Her departure for London was regretted by her mistress for she had now the affection of not only the lady whom she had served but the love of the entire family. Her age was then seventeen. Subsequently she followed the life of a seamstress until her stage career was inaugurated as a ballet girl. From that position she was rapidly advanced until she reached the dramatic rank that she afterward acquired.

The important facts of Miss Neilson's life are graphically told, also numerous interesting and not generally known particulars. These are continually interspersed with anecdotes that could have come from the pen of a person possessed of ardent affection for the woman whose face, for many years, was familiar to the American theatre-goer.

The admirers of the actress will close the work with a feeling of regret because the writer, who had done the work so well, has not gone deeper into the subject. We would have had her carefully analyze the acting of her idol; it would also have been a pleasure had the author painted a complete portrait of Miss Neilson's intellectual character, and a more extended account of her remarkably successful professional career.

Mrs. Holloway has, notwithstanding these shortcomings, produced a charming little book, delightfully written. In the mechanical part, the publishers have manufactured a delicate tribute to the one whose memory it perpetuates. Eight photographs by Sarony represent Miss Neilson in her different familiar roles.

—Some books need no praise; they are like certain people, described in the familiar line by Samuel Rogers: "To know them is to love them." Such a work is "A Library of Religious Poetry," edited by Rev. Philip Schaff, D. D., and Arthur Gilman, M. A. (Funk & Wagnalls, \$6.00.) The Schaff-Gilman collection claims to contain "the best poems of all ages and tongues," and it certainly is the best and the fullest compilation of religious poetry that has been issued from the press. Why the volume should have received the title

"Religious" is a mystery. The subjects of the poems are many and various; and, while not far removed from religion in the sense of that word as usually understood, there are verses that do not strictly belong thereto. Of the beautiful selections that the collection contains is the following well-known poem, "Our Own," by Mrs. Margaret E. Sangster. Through some unaccountable oversight the editors have allowed the authorship to pass as anonymous.

Our Own.

If I had known in the morning
How weary all the day
The words unkind would trouble my mind
That I said when you went away,
I had been more careful, darling,
Nor given you needless pain;
But we vex our own with look and tone
We may never take back again.

For, though in the quiet evening
You may give me the kiss of peace,
Yet it will might be that never for me
The pain of the heart should cease!
How many go forth at morning
Who never come home at night!
And hearts have broken for harsh words
spoken,
That sorrow can ne'er set right.

We have careful thought for the stranger,
And smiles for the sometime guest;
But oft for our own the bitter tone,
Though we love our own the best.
Ah, lips with the curve impulsive!
Ah, brow with the shade of scorn!
Twere a cruel fate were the night too late
To undo the work of morn!

In addition to English bards our American poets are generously honored by large representation. Among these, together with those of other countries, are found selections from the great writers not only, but from the lesser lights also. There are translations from the parts of Continental Europe, from the Orient, the classics and medieval time.

Thirteen steel portraits of "the kings of song" add to the artistic value of the volume. The more than a thousand pages are a model in typography and paper. Indexes, and a systematic arrangement of divisions added to brief biographical data make the book valuable for reference.

Accuracy is a marked feature of the entire work, although a few errors have passed uncorrected in the dates that are given of the birth and death of the author. Too great praise cannot be accorded the compilers for the impartiality and thoroughness of the work that they have done. At the same time that they have been just, they have shown sound taste and great discrimination.

Obituary.

Moses Dodd, a well known and highly respected citizen of our town, died at the residence of his brother-in-law, Mr. Stephen Ball, in Franklin, on May 9th, in the seventy ninth year of his age. He had left his home on Harrison street expecting to be absent but a few days, was stricken with paralysis and passed away. Deceased has been almost a life-long Christian. On the first day of the year 1831 he was received in the First Presbyterian church. Dr. Gideon Judd was pastor. Here he was very efficient in church work and his voice led in the grand old music of those grand old times. In 1839 he joined by letter the second Presbyterian or Brick church in Orange, and was chorister there some years. In 1847 he came back to the Old Church, and retained his membership there until called from earth.

Thus for more than half a century he was connected with the church, and those who knew him best felt the influence of his quiet, consistent godly life.

During his life time many sorrows came to him. Death invaded his home and carried away his loved ones. Business troubles clouded his pathway and tried his integrity, but through all the storms of life his faith never failed and his simple childlike trust but grew stronger and more abiding.

His honesty of purpose was never doubted, his faith never questioned, and he leaves a legacy of hope and trust to those who mourn his loss.

W. C. T. U.

The First Quarterly Convention of Essex County was held in the Park M. E. church of this town on Friday, May 14th. There were present sixty delegates in all, representing three Newark Unions beside those of Orange, Irvington, Montclair and Bloomfield itself. The afternoon session was opened with a Bible reading given by Mrs. Hanimer which was very helpful to the deeply interested listeners. The first and leading text was 1 Chron. 4, 23, from which she brought the chief thought that the Temperance Women being laborers together with God, must abide with Him and He with them, in order that they might be fitted for the work He has laid out before them.

After this came business and reports of Unions which proved to be very interesting, especially those of the Newark Unions, which are doing a grand evangelistic work. Then followed reports of fifteen different departments of work which were also full of interest, especially those of the "Juvenile" and "Soldiers and Sailors." Much was said and done in those few hours, and at the last a word of welcome was spoken, with gentle, loving spirit by Mrs. Albert Mann of Orange, she being the mother of the pastor of the church in which the convention was held. Then came adjournment and supper, which was beautifully arranged upon a long table, in the infant class room, with many floral decorations. The young lady teachers of the Temperance School were waitresses and did their work ex-

pedition and well, serving all to coffee, sandwiches, cake and cream till they wanted no more. A few gentlemen, having been invited, ventured in and were most warmly welcomed by the ladies, who only wished that all had come who had received invitation to do so. Among others, Rev. Samuel Duffield and Mr. George W. Cook were enjoying the sociability of the hour, and several members of the Reform Club dropped in.

In the evening the address was given by Mrs. Susanna Evans Peck, who has devoted herself to this cause since early childhood. Mrs. Peck is a pleasant speaker and her words well selected and persuasive, many of them being specially directed to the voters.

Since this day, long to be remembered in Bloomfield, several have been heard to remark that they had no idea so much good work was being done in our county.

The next Convention will be held at Irvington in September.

The following resolutions were adopted during the afternoon session.

Whereas—Our work as Christian women has been so signally owned and blessed by our Heavenly Father,

Resolved—That we consecrate more fully than ever before, our time, means and talents to His service in whatever department of the work He may call us.

Resolved—That we are in full sympathy with the Prohibition movement and will lend our influence to aid the cause whenever the opportunity offers.

Resolved—That the department of work, entitled Social Purity, superintended by our beloved National President and by her recommended at the last National Convention, has our hearty sympathy and we would urge upon all our unions active co-operation in the work of this department.

Resolved—That the work of our unions shall be more than heretofore among the ignorant and lowly without distinction of color, creed or nationality.

Resolved—That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Trustees of the Park M. E. church for its use, and also to the ladies for their generous hospitality.

Committee on Resolutions.
Mrs. Albert Mann Sr., of Orange.
Mrs. M. F. Frome, of Newark.
Mrs. H. H. White, of Montclair.

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